

## **UG5 Agenda May 18<sup>th</sup> 2016**

- WG 171 update
  - Training Blitz
  - No update, still working on the information. Still in progress.
- WG 177 update
  - Finished reviewing the AMEE whitepaper. Members are updating the appropriate sections. Will be meeting next week to bring the pieces together, then there will be a review. The new end date is May 31.
- International Addressing
  - Initial suggestions have been submitted, and they're considering the changes in Product Classifications. This group has been focused on the August and January price changes, so progress might be slow. Things might open up in another month or so.
- NCOA 100 Record Rule
  - Alternative has been submitted, need to broker meeting with USPS CPO. Have reached out to her staff member, this issue is in the queue but they're not ready to have the discussion yet.
- SHA1 to SHA2 conversion update
  - Had some issues on naming conventions, but those have been addressed. About 10% have started working on the conversion, and one has already converted.  
Angelo: can you get some intelligence on if there will be any customer impact on the speed of processing? Charles: We'll see what we can gather. Internally we haven't seen any degradation.
- ACS Periodicals reconciliation update
  - Sent out a notice to participants that the changes will happen on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There are new columns on the summary tab. These reflect Periodicals that are processed by FPARS. Also added a column for STID constraints for cases where they aren't using OneCode ACS. The barcode readability/scan rates are included as well. We expect to see an increase in the scan rates as FPARS rolls out.
- FPARS update
  - Rolling out slowly across the country, currently in Seattle. Will be rolling out to 17 total sites until October. Each site already has the equipment, they just haven't started running yet. Once FPARS is running, the data will just flow.
- FRN update
  - The clarification is still ready, but the scorecard version is still being worked through, but it is getting quite close. They will be published in the same issue. They should both be released in the next few weeks.

- Colleges and Universities
  - Waiting for data from the NACUMS group, will need to reach out to them. Should have more to update on soon. Might also have another testing candidate.
- Cass Cycle O (Draft proposal)
  - The effective date would be scheduled for August 2018. Idealliance MSDG group discussed this, and had no major concerns. The Partners in Tomorrow (PIT) meeting outlining the technical changes would be in September. The issues below are being considered, along with issues USPS is looking at, including a possible new DPV table.
  - Angelo: Can USPS release the AEC file so that industry can help reduce UAA mail? Charles: we have been looking at spinning this off into another product. Had to withdraw the business statement, but still building this out. But the file was built in SHA1 technology, which can't be merged over to SHA256. So the AEC team is creating a SHA256 version. It probably won't be out in the next year or two.
  - If you have any concerns about the cost of implementing a new CASS cycle, please let USPS know.
  - The goal is to open the dialog in June/July to get an idea of the requirements, so the scope will be discussed early.
  - **To Do**: User Group participants should look at the list of proposed changes below. If you have any questions, clarifications or concerns about the items below, please bring them for the next meeting. Also, if you have any other items for the group to consider for the next CASS/NCOA cycle, please let us know.

[https://ribbs.usps.gov/cassmass/documents/tech\\_guides/CASS\\_Cycle\\_O\\_Suspended/](https://ribbs.usps.gov/cassmass/documents/tech_guides/CASS_Cycle_O_Suspended/)

- Previously listed items:
  - CASS – Vendors allowed to optionally implement some items already
  - NCOA
- Additional Items:
  - CASS: previously discussed items, plus:
  - New Military addresses:
    - Current: PSC, CMR, and UNIT are special street name designators for the military – which causes some special handling requirements to process correctly
    - Sample: PSC 34 Box 21
  - Various CASS, NCOA, and other processes need to know about these in order to correctly re-construct an address line from the parsed elements:
    - Primary (House) Number / Range: 21
    - Street Name PSC 34
  - So, products need to know not to make “21 PSC 34”, but to add “BOX” and move the range value to the end of the street address line

- New special designators requested: UMR, OMC
- ISSUE: CASS, NCOA, and other vendor and client products / processes will need to be updated to properly accept
- Dual meaning of DPV=S: *(Trying to resolve using a data solution rather than testing)*
  - Secondary Address information on input and either
    - 1) USPS does not have secondary address information for that address – input secondary is considered extra information – that may actually be needed to correctly determine delivery / which door to knock on at an address.
    - This is due, in part, to the USPS AMS data not containing all of the actual secondary address information.
    - 2) USPS has secondary address information for the address and it does not match - input secondary is considered invalid
  - ISSUE: USPS looking to implement a \$0.20 penalty on addresses that DPV=S. So, for scenario 1) above, mailers being penalized for providing additional information that is need / will help the USPS make efficient delivery of the package.
  - Do we need to re-define DPV=S to not include scenario 1) – so it returns DPV = Y. OR, split DPV=S into 2 values? *(Add additional value code)*
  - ZIP / State discrepancy (where one ZIP covers addresses in multiple States, but the CASS address only indicates 1 state)
  - 02861, 42223, 59221, 63673, 71749, 73949, 81137, 84536, 86044, 86515, 88063, 89439 & 97635 – were identified with this scenario years ago
  - Today, there are more *(Awareness – Developers to Solution – non testing item?)*
- NCOA: previously discussed items, plus:
  - 100 Record Rule
  - PAF process / requirements
  - Reinforce: Alternate process for NCOALink name matching (multiple name parsing)
  - PO Box Only indicator – If a customer supplies an address that does not support street delivery & requires a PO Box, CASS provides an indicator or footnote.
  - Tertiary addresses – When an address has multiple secondary addresses, CASS provides a standard format – for example “100 MAIN ST BLDG A UNIT 23” becomes standardized to “100 MAIN ST UNIT A23”. *(CASS engines do so today)*
  - PBSA identifier
  - Potential cost to mailing industry?